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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, SA

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION ON OIL IMPORTS

REF: STATE 122898

1. FOLLOWING FOR POSTS' GUIDANCE.
2. IN RESPONSE TO A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST AND INQUIRIES FROM THE PRESS, TREASURY TODAY ADVISED THAT ON MARCH 15, 1978, IT HAD INITIATED AN INVESTIGATION UNDER UNCLASSIFIED

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SECTION 232(B) OF THE TRADE EXPANSION ACT OF 1962 TO DETERMINE WHETHER IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL, CRUDE OIL DERIVATIVES AND PRODUCTS, AND RELATED SIMILAR PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM NATURAL GAS AND COAL TAR THREATEN TO IMPAIR THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

3. TREASURY UNDERTOOK THE INVESTIGATION SOLELY AS A CON-

TINGENCY STEP IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE WOULD BE
A BASIS FOR THE PRESIDENT TO ACT TO ADJUST SUCH IMPORTS
UNDER SECTION 232(B) IF HE DETERMINED SUCH ACTION TO BE
APPROPRIATE. NO SUCH ACTION IS CURRENTLY BEING CONTEMPLATED
BY THE PRESIDENT; ACTION WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IN THE
EVENT CONGRESS FAILED TO PASS ADEQUATE ENERGY LEGISLATION.

4. TREASURY HAS NOT YET CONCLUDED ITS INVESTIGATION AND
HAS MADE NO FINDINGS OR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT.
THE PRESIDENT CANNOT ACT UNDER SECTION 232(B) UNLESS THE
SECRETARY TRANSMITS A FINDING THAT THE QUANTITY OF IMPORTS
OR THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THEY ARE MADE THREATEN TO
IMPAIR THE NATIONAL SECURITY.

5. WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTED BRIEFLY ON THIS MAY 19. CHRISTOPHER

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